

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method Use of using
gelatinized starch for the purpose of increasing the
lasting time of an animal chew ~~wherein~~comprising:
using at the level of starch gelatinization is
greater than 90% and
having a level of the starch is present in the
animal chew ~~at a level of~~ at least 35%.
2. (Currently amended) The method Use according to
claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the level of gelatinization is
greater than 95%.
3. (Currently amended) The method Use according to
claim 1 ~~or claim 2, wherein~~ ~~in which~~ the chew further
comprises fiber.
4. (Currently amended) The method Use according to
claim 3, wherein ~~in which~~ the fiber is insoluble fiber.
5. (Currently amended) The method Use according to
claim 4, wherein ~~in which~~ the fiber is cellulose.
6. (Currently amended) The method Use according to
~~any of claims 3, to 5 in which~~wherein the proportion of
fiber is in the range 2 to 15%.
7. (Currently amended) The method Use according to
~~any of the preceding claims 1, wherein~~ ~~in which~~ the
animal chew does not contain any plasticizer.
8. (Currently amended) An animal chew comprising:
_____ gelatinized starch having a gelatinization level

of greater than 90% and in which the proportion of starch in the chew is greater than or equal to 35%.

9. (Currently amended) A chew according to claim 8,
further comprising fiber.
10. (Currently amended) A chew according to claim 9,
wherein ~~in which~~ the proportion of fiber is in the range
of 2 to 15%.
11. (Currently amended) A chew according to claim 9-~~or~~
~~10~~, wherein said fiber is insoluble.
12. (Currently amended) A chew according to ~~any of~~
~~claims 8 to 11~~, wherein the chew ~~which~~ contains no
plasticizer.